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SUBJECT: GOP CLAMPS DOWN ON VIP ENTRIES

REF: PANAMA 1140

1. PANAMA'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ADVISED THE DCM TODAY, ON THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT THE MINISTRY WILL NO LONGER APPROVE REQUESTS FOR "COURTESY OF THE PORT" FOR U.S. TRAVELERS UNLESS THEY ARE BEARERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS TRICTER PROCEDURE WOULD ALLOW PANAMA TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE IN DRUG INTERDICTION, WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CRITICISM IN THE SENATE.

2. IN PRACTICE, THIS DECISION MAY NOT BE STRCITLY APPLIED, BUT ITS IMPACT IS IMMEDIATE: THE EMBASSY'S RQUEST FOR "COURTESY OF THE PORT" FOR THE FEBRUARY 23-24 ARRIVAL OF THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS DELEGATION WAS DENIED.

3. THIS MOVE IS AN OBVIOUS SIGN OF GOP DISPLEASURE WITH THE COURSE OF THE SENATE DEBATE. WE HAVE NO
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CAUSE TO EXPECT THE DEBATE TO ENGENDER MORE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS--AT LEAST UNTIL THERE ARE NEW "EVENTS" IN THE SENATE TO TRIGGER TORRIJOS' DISPLEASURE.

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